

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 36-70 remain in this application. Claims 56, 57, 60, 62, 65, 66, 67, and 68 have been amended. Reconsideration and review of the application is respectfully requested.

Initially, the Applicant would like to express its gratitude toward the Examiner for taking the time to discuss the present application by telephone prior to this submission. The amendments herein reflect the subject matter discussed by telephone with the Examiner and are believed to place the claims in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected Claims 56, 57, 60, 62, 65, 66, 67, and 68 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to adequately teach the claimed limitations. Specifically, the Examiner rejected the claims for the recitation of the "thin client" phrase. Although the Applicant respectfully believes that the recitations in Claims 56, 57, 60, 62, 65, 66, 67, and 68 have been adequately taught, the Applicant, nevertheless, hereby rewrites Claims 56, 57, 60, 62, 65, 66, 67, and 68 to further clarify the subject matter being claimed and to expedite allowance. Specifically, Claims 56, 57, 60, 62, 65, 66, 67, and 68 have been rewritten to now recite "Human Interface Device" or "HID" as opposed to "thin client. The support for the recitations can be found at the specification in pages 7-14, as well as in the figures. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, should be withdrawn.

The Examiner also rejected Claims 1 and 36-70 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman (U.S. Patent No. 6,546,419) in view of Wall (U.S. Patent No. 6,223,289). Humpleman has an actual filing data of May 7, 1999 (i.e., about one month after the filing data of the subject application) but claims priority to a provisional application having a filing data of May 7, 1998 (i.e., Application No. 60/084,578). Wall was filed on April 20, 1998 (i.e., before the provisional filing data of Humpleman) and issued after the present application's filing date (i.e., April 20, 2001).

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In addition, the present application and Wall were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by the assignee of the present application. Lastly, the present application (i.e., the second application) is filed by an inventor (i.e., Alan T. Ruberg) named in the Wall patent (i.e., U.S. Patent No. 6,223,289). Thus, in order to expedite allowance, the Applicant has amended the specification to claim priority to Wall as a continuation-in-part pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120. Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 1 and 36-70 should be withdrawn since both Wall and Humpleman are disqualified as prior art.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 36-69 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested, and a timely Notice of Allowability is solicited. To the extent it would be helpful to placing this application in condition for allowance, the Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned counsel and conduct a telephonic interview.

While the Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

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